

KANAB CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2014

KANE COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM

PRESENT: Mayor Robert D. Houston, Council Members Kirt Carpenter, Cheryl Brown, Kent Burggraaf, Brent Chamberlain and Joe B. Wright, Recorder Joe Decker, Treasurer RaeLene Johnson and Attorney Jeff Stott.

WORK MEETING: Mayor Houston talked about the Southern Utah Veterans Home in Ivins, Utah. If anyone is interested in helping or finding more information about this home for Veterans, they need to get a hold of Lloyd Laycook. Mr. Laycook has spent a lot of time seeing that this place is a reality. This home is to help residents improve their quality of life. To decrease feelings of loneliness and to feel connected with the community. The home can also be used for short-term rehabilitation.

GOLF COURSE: Mayor Houston explained the situation with the golf course, and the City is waiting to see what can be worked out. **Gordon Huntsman** said he was responding to an open letter in the local paper a few months ago about the golf course. He stated his desire to have the golf course remain open. He said the homeowners are willing to help. There needs to be long-term improvement. He feels that it has not been very well maintained nor promoted. **Dan McClendon** explained he was new to the area, and what impressed him and his family to move here is the beautiful area of the golf course. He feels the golf course is a huge economic value to the community. This problem needs to be solved. We don't want to lose what assets the community already has. **Grant Ramsay** stated golf courses aren't made to make money, but to be a destination for visitors to come and stay a few days. The golf course does need to be maintained. **Ken Stirland** thought the problem with the golf course was the water. He suggested keeping the golf course as it is and continue to supply the water at no charge. He said the maintenance is what is difficult. The course can be improved to use less water. It will always need assistance. He didn't want to lose the golf course. **Matt Brown** said he has lived here for 20 years. He said it is beautiful, but it is under appreciated. Nothing has progressed in the last 20 years that he can see. **Council Member Wright said** that the City does not want to lose this asset, but it is a private business. He struggles subsidizing for a private business. He wants to treat all businesses fairly. He is not sure where the City's responsibility lies. **Council Member Chamberlain** felt that there are probably solutions that would be fair and reasonable. It is an asset to the community. He is concerned about the maintenance and the marketing.

Council Member Burggraaf stated that water alone will not save the golf course. Community members need to stay involved and help provide solutions. There could be HOA dues for homeowners. The City is still waiting to see what the current owners are willing to do. It doesn't need to be a profit-making business. **Council Member Brown** said that the homeowners around the golf course have their home value tied up in the golf course. She was concerned with the lack of owner involvement. She would like to see the books. She would also like to see a committee set up to help determine solutions. **Council Member Carpenter** expressed appreciation for the letters that were sent on behalf of the golf course. He explained how expensive it is to run a pump to pump the water to the golf course. He wanted to make sure that everyone is using accurate numbers. All the Council recognizes the need of the golf course. **Mayor Houston** said that a decision needs to be made if we want a golf course or not and figure out a way to make it happen. It is a valuable asset. **Roger Williams** said that the City use to own the golf course. He feels they made a mistake when they sold it. It is more than just a business. The audience was polled if the City should take the golf course back, all hands were raised. **Kathy Tanges** said there are documents available that could be provided to the Council. She would like the City to get some control over it again. **Michael East** stated that if the City committed to offer free water, the developers needed to commit to something such as children play free. The leverage is gone after the water is granted. **Christina Turner** said there needs to be accountability and long term maintenance.

Mayor Houston opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken.

Prayer was offered by Council Member Chamberlain and the pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Burggraaf.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Council Member Chamberlain and 2nd by Council Member Wright to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Council Member Wright to table this item until next meeting. Motion 2nd by Council Member Burggraaf. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Brown to approve the check register for November 25 in the amount of \$127,175.99 and the check register for December 9 in the amount of \$385,918.37. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Collette Cox** expressed support of the Amazing Earth Festival. This is the 9th year that it has been held. It brings a lot of people into the area. **Grant Ramsay** stated he

was in favor the Earth Festival. He feels it is beneficial to the City. **Victor Cooper** stated he supports the Amazing Earth Festival. It has grown over the years. **Charlie Soba** said that he is helping with the Earth Festival this year. He is in favor of the City supporting it. **Joan Thacher** asked about the public hearing on the bonds. Mr. Decker said the City is waiting on a letter from the Utah State Attorney General's Office. **Donna Huntsman** expressed a need for the Earth Festival to happen.

INTERLOCAL FINANCE AGREEMENT: Council Member Carpenter said that the RTSSD (Recreation, Transportation Special Service District) has offered \$500,000 to help build a new terminal at the airport. Mr. Jim Matson said that the RTSSD gets Secure Rural School funds and mineral funds. Council Member Carpenter is happy about the cooperative effort between the City and the RTSSD. It is easier to get things done, when entities work together to get an end result. A motion was made by Council Member Carpenter and 2nd by Council Member Brown to approve the Interlocal Finance Agreement for the Kanab Airport Terminal Building between Kanab City and the RTSSD. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DISCUSS A POSSIBLE FUNDING CONTRIBUTION TO AMAZING EARTHFEST: Mr. Tom Daniels addressed the Council. He was concerned with Mr. Csenge using tax monies to put towards his climate change propaganda. He strongly objects. He said there are a lot of people in town who don't believe with his belief, and our tax dollars shouldn't be used for it. Michael Mountain with Best Friends said that Rich Csenge wants to turn over the Earth Fest to a new generation. He would like to know if the City is on board. He is requesting \$3,000 to assist with program activities and events for the 9th annual Amazing Earthfest. Council Member Burggraaf said he supported the Earthfest, but couldn't agree to more than \$500 or \$1,000. Council Member Chamberlain stated he supported this event and the request for \$3,000. Council Member Wright suggested using the Recreation Fund as an option. He is in favor of the \$3,000. Council Member Brown said that this event is a weeklong event. It's a community economic event. She could support it if it has a strong local Board. Council Member Carpenter feels there should be an economic development fund to take the monies from. He said it bothers him that year after year, organizations come in and ask for funds. He opposes such requests until he can look at the books. A motion was made by Council Member Chamberlain to contributing funds in the amount of \$3,000 to Amazing Earthfest. Motion 2nd by Council Member Wright. Motion failed by roll call vote as follows: Council Member Wright, Chamberlain voting yea and Council Members Carpenter, Brown and Burggraaf voting nay. Council Member Burggraaf made a motion to amend Council Member Chamberlain's motion to approve contributing funds in the amount of \$500. Motion failed. Council Member Burggraaf and Carpenter voting yea and Council Members Brown, Chamberlain and Wright voting nay. A motion was made by Council

Member Brown and 2nd by Council Member Wright to contribute \$2,000 to the Amazing Earthfest. Motion passed by roll call vote. All Council Member Voting yeas except Council Member Burggraaf and Council Member Carpenter voting nay.

AWARD ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO SUNRISE ENGINEERING FOR THE TOM'S CANYON

FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT: Mayor Houston said that Sunrise Engineering have spent a lot of time in preliminary preparation for this project. Council Member Burggraaf said he didn't have a chance to read over the contract since he just got the contract at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Wright stated the City needed to make sure all the bidding process was in place. Council Member Chamberlain felt that delaying the project to go through a bidding process which isn't necessary for this project, and isn't going to change the outcome shouldn't be considered. He feels the project needs to go forward to get completed before the flood season. A motion to award the contract to Sunrise Engineering for the Tom's Canyon Flood Control Project was made by Council Member Chamberlain and 2nd by Council Member Carpenter. A motion to amend the motion was made by Council Member Wright as follows to award the contact to Sunrise Engineering according pursuant to award contract without competition section of the Utah Procurement Act. Motion 2nd by Council Member Carpenter. Motion passed as follows: Council Members Carpenter, Brown, Chamberlain and Wright voting yea and Council Member Burggraaf abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION: A motion to reappoint Byard Kershaw to the Planning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2018 was made by Council Member Burggraaf and 2nd by Council Member Wright. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Council Member Burggraaf and 2nd by Council Member Wright to re-appoint Teresa Trujillo to the Planning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Chamberlain to go into closed session to discuss personnel, pending litigation and purchase, exchange or lease of real property. Motion passed unanimously.

Out of Closed Session. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Chamberlain and 2nd by Council Member Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR ROBERT D. HOUSTON

RECORDER

JOE DECKER

